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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO BONN GENEVA LONDON MEXICO
ROME SANTIAGO FROM PARIS 26 SEP 73:

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SUBJECT; CGT-CFDT CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF ILO GOVERNING BODY
TO CONSIDER SITUATION IN CHILE

1. CGT AND CFDT IN JOINT LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 19 URGED
ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF GOVERNING
BODY TO CONSIDER SITUATION IN CHILE, LETTER NOTED DISSOLUTION OF
TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS, MASS ARRESTS, AND SUMMARY
EXECUTIONS UNDER NEW REGIME - ACTIONS, WHICH IT CONTENDED,
VIOLATE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF ILO CONVENTIONS ON TRADE UNION RIGHTS
AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM. IN CGT-CFDT VIEW, CIRCUMSTANCES
WARRANT URGENT ONVOCATION OF GOVERNING BODY TO BRING THESE
VIOLATIONS TO ATTENTION OF CHILEAN AUTHORITIES. GOVERNING BODY
SHOULD ALSO, IN CGT-CFDT VIEW, CONSIDER WHAT FORM OF
ASSISTANCE IT MIGHT LEND TO "VICTIMS OF REPRESSION" IN CHILE.

2. AFP DATELINE GENEVA SEPTEMBER 24 REPORTED NO ILO
DECISION LIKELY THIS WEEK AS GB PRESIDENT ARTURO MUNOZ LEDO
ABSENT FROM GENEVA UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28. DECISION REPORTEDLY
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WOULD PROBABLY BE TAKEN ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYER

AND TRADE UNION VICE PRESIDENTS.

3. COMMENT: CGT-CFDT ACTION FOLLOWED CONDEMNATION OF
COUP BY ALL MAJOR FRENCH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS, INCLUDING
FORCE OUVRIERE - WHICH, HOWEVER, NOTED CONSISTENCY ITS CHILE
STATEMENT WITH PAST SIMILAR STATEMENTS ON HUNGARY AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (I.E. ANY FORCEFUL OVERTHROW). TRADE UNION
STATEMENTS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BRIEF WORK STOPPAGES EXPRESSING
SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN WORKERS. CHILEAN COUP, WHICH PROFOUNDLY
SHOCKED MANY SEGMENTS FRENCH OPINION, WAS PARTICULARLY SHARP
BLOW FOR LEFT-WING FRENCH LABOR WHICH REGARDED CHILE AS
PRECURSOR AND MODEL OF "DEMOCRATIC MARXISM". IRWIN
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